GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHIVES PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Madhya Pradesh Government for financial assistance for the development of archives, public libraries and museums in the State;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether a provisions has been made to use Hindi in the said archives, public libraries and museums; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Proposals for development of archives, public libraries and museums in the State of Madhya Pradesh were received for financial assistance as detailed below:-

(i) ARCHIVES: During 1999-2000, National Archives of India received proposal from Madhya Pradesh State Archives, Swara Bhawan Library, Rabindra Bhawan Parisar, Bhopal and the Grenadier Archives Museum, Jabalpur Cantonment of Ministry of Defence to the tune of Rs.8.35 lakhs, Rs.23.50 lakhs and Rs.25.00 lakhs respectively. Rupees 2.00 lakhs grant has been sanctioned only to the Grenadier Archives, Jabalpur Cantonment. The proposal of Swaraj Bhawan was not recommended by the Grants Committee due to inadequate information and the proposal of Madhya Pradesh State Archives which was received late would be placed before the Grants Committee for consideration during the current financial year in its meeting to be held in July/August,2000.

(ii) PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Vanya Prakashan, a State Autonomous body under Tribal Welfare Department of Govt. of Madhya Prades and Education Department of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh have requested for financial assistance for development of 2000 Swaraswati Sangams and Public Libraries under their respective control. Vanya Prakashan have forwarded a list of selected books for purchase and distribution to 2000 Swaraswati Sangams, but they have not forwarded matching contribution for 1999-2000 as required under the Scheme.

(iii) MUSEUMS: During the year 1999-2000 an application of Birla Museum, Bhopal was received from Govt. of Madhya Pradesh fo financial assistance. A grant of Rs.1.50 lakhs was recommended and sanction of Rs.37,500/- as first instalment of the grant has been issued.

(c) & (d): State of Madhya Pradesh falls under Region `A` of the Official Language Act where 100% of official work is to be done in Hindi. The above mentioned institutions are under the control of State Government and it is for the State Governmentto enforce the provisions of Official Language Act in the offices under their control.